

ATTEST:

Mayor

Gladys Hansen
City Clerk
(seal)

CITY COMMISSION MEETING
January 15, 1962

Regular meeting of the City Commission of the City of Las Cruces held January 15, 1962, at 7:30 p.m. in the City Hall.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chairman Gutierrez, Messrs. Ferralez, Noble, Graham and Kennedy.

OTHERS PRESENT: City Manager Alvarez, City Attorney Lenko, City Clerk Hansen, City Engineer Donohue, Utilities Superintendent Gaines, City Treasurer Maynez.

The Meeting was called to order by the Chairman.

PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS:

Petitions.

1. The Clerk read the petition presented to the Commission against public housing with 1,429 signatures. Commissioner Noble MOVED to refer this petition to a committee of the whole meeting to be held in the near future. SECONDED by Commissioner Kennedy. All Commissioners VOTED in favor.

Communications.

1. Progress Club. The Clerk read a letter from Mrs. Bert A.C. Kennedy, Chairman of the Convention Kits Committee of the Progress Club telling of the coming Womens Club Convention in April 1962 and of the need for convention kits in this community. They asked the Commission if it would be possible for the City to furnish a courtesy card similar to the one used by the City of Clovis which would give free parking at meters during conventions and would also include a map of the City on the reverse side. The Progress Club also felt it would be nice to have a letter of welcome from the Mayor in each of these kits. Commissioner Ferralez MOVED that this Commission cooperate with the Progress Club in furnishing this courtesy card and defer selection of the design to be used on this card to the discretion of the Girl Scouts, who will be acting as City officials on Saturday, January 20, 1962. SECONDED by Commissioner Kennedy. All Commissioners VOTED in favor.

RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES:

1. A resolution was read by the Clerk from the LULAC'S Club. Commissioner Kennedy MOVED that this resolution be received and entered into the records.

SECONDED by Commissioner Ferralez. All VOTED in favor.

REPORTS FROM OFFICERS, BOARDS AND COMMITTEES:

1. Commissioner Kennedy MOVED the acceptance of the Clerk, the Police and Fire Reports as presented. The Motion was SECONDED by Commissioner Ferralez. All Commissioners VOTED in favor.

2. Park and Recreation Board Minutes.
Held January 8, 1962 at 7:30 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Messrs. Pete Harty, Kermit Laabs, Lou Comer and Dr. Raymond Paz.

Mr. Gene Gaume representing the Jaycees was present and stated that the Community Development Committee has plans for equipping City Parks. He asked the Board what plans they had for equipping Apodaca and other City Parks. The Board asked the City Manager to prepare a list or plan of equipment needed for City Parks and to present it to the Park and REcreation Board for their consideration. A discussion was held pertaining to the painting of the fence at Apodaca Park and using the fence for advertisements. Mr. Laabs stated that all commitments on the existing advertising had been fulfilled. No action was taken.

Discussion was held pertaining to the quality design of the swimming pool, as designed by Mr. James Liberty. The changes suggested by Mr. Liberty and by Mr. Lewis Emerick of Skyline Development Co. were discussed. A motion was made by Mr. Kermit Laabs and seconded by Mr. Lou Comer that the Park and Recreation Board recommend that the City Commission proceed with the construction of one pool at Apodaca Park, and that the contract be awarded to the low bidder and that there be no delition in the original physical equipment as pertains to the pool and bath house. The motion unanimously accepted.

The Board asked the City Manager to prepare a cost estimate on the aprons, curbing, fencing, sidewalks, parking facilities and landscaping at the new pool sites.

A motion was made by Mr. Laabs and seconded by Mr. Comer that the second Monday of each month be designated as regular meeting date of the Park and REcreation Board. The motion was adopted unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

The Clerk read the minutes of the Park and REcreation Bard meeting held January 8, 1962. Mr. Gene Gaume asked for a clarification in the Park and Recreation minutes concerning the Jaycees' proposal to have the Apodaca Park fences painted by advertisements, the proceeds of which will be used to purchase needed park and playground equipment for Apodaca Park. Commissioner Noble MOVED that this Commission approve the Jaycees' recommendation concerning the sign on the fences of Apodaca Park. SECONDED by Commissioner Ferralez. All VOTED in favor. Mr. Lou Emerick of Skyline Development Company, the low bidder on the proposed swimming pools, presented several changes which could be made in the pool specifications to bring the contract price within the reach of the available funds. Mr. Noble stated that the amount of changes necessary makes it look as though re-bidding will be necessary. Commissioner Ferralez MOVED the continuation of efforts by the City staff to build two swimming pools with the money available. SECONDED by Mr. Kennedy. All VOTED in favor. Mr. Ferralez MOVED that the minutes be accepted. SECONDED by Mr. Kennedy. All VOTED aye.

3. Treasurer's Report. Commissioner Noble MOVED that this Commission establish as a policy the discontinuance of carrying collision insurance on all City vehicles. SECONDED by Commissioner Kennedy. All VOTED in favor. Mr. Noble MOVED the approval of the Treasurer's report. SECONDED by Commissioner Kennedy. All VOTED in favor.

4. APPROVAL OF BILLS submitted for January 15, 1962

ADMINISTRATION-GENERAL		\$574.01
Operating Costs		
American Press, Inc.	12.65	
Christian Electric Co.	108.00	
Las Cruces Citizen	175.54	
National Institute of Municipal		
Law Offices	87.50	
Office Supply Co.	21.28	
Sacho-Lawlor	158.00	
Sinclair Publishing Co.	11.04	
COMMUNITY SERVICES		
Library		\$18.57
Operating Costs		
Mountain States Tel & Tel	18.57	
PUBLIC HEALTH & SAFETY		
Police Protection		\$1,022.79
Operating Costs	\$1,012.45	
Armstrongs, Inc.	22.00	
Cothorn Cleaners	264.68	
Cruces Motor Parts	17.72	
Gas Shop	599.10	
H & S Body Shop	3.57	
Jones Graphic Products	46.50	
Marshall Auto Supply	9.00	
Mesilla Motor Co.	4.41	
Midcap Bearing Service	5.91	
William Everette Moore	10.02	
Murphree Studio	29.54	
Capital Outlay		
Stryker's Inc.	10.34	
PUBLIC HEALTH & SAFETY		
Fire Protection		\$19.06
Operating Costs		
Gas Shop		
COMMUNITY SERVICE		
Garbage & REfuse Removal		\$652.71
Operating Costs		
Armstrong's, Inc.	88.88	
Cruces Motor Parts, Inc.	1.72	
Gas Shop	412.46	
Las Cruces Sun News	9.46	
Leonard Motor Co.	11.61	
Midcap Bearing Service	24.77	
The Myers Co.	8.69	
Valley Machine Shop	17.85	
Phillips Conoco	77.27	
COMMUNITY SERVICE		
Street Department		\$824.10
Operating Costs		
Certified Laboratories	147.00	
Cruces Motor Parts	5.55	
Gas Shop	323.03	
Ikard & Newsom	189.70	
Mesilla Motor Co.	63.84	
Midcap Bearing Service	10.15	
Sanchez Hardware	.93	
Shorty's Rental Service	14.50	
Valley Transit Mix	25.00	
Donald Wiese & Co.	44.40	

COMMUNITY SERVICES

Parks & Recreation		\$36.73
Operating Costs		
Gas Shop	8.71	
The Myers Co.	3.60	
R. A. Pettes	10.56	
Gus Vlachakis	13.86	

JOINT UTILITIES-GAS

\$117.685.21

Operating Costs	<u>\$96.560.41</u>	
ABC Pringing Co.	38.70	
R. E. Boney Agency	447.84	
commerce Trust Co.	160.85	
Contractors License Board	12.00	
El Paso Natural Gas Co.	94,750.21	
Fred's Welding	27.18	
Gas Shop	306.18	
General Supply Co	13.95	
Las Cruces Citizen	123,86	
Mesilla Motor Co.	10.00	
Mountain States Tel & Tel	503.62	
Office Supply Co.	23.13	
The Paper Mill	7.78	
Sanchez hardware Co.	29.76	
Valley Welders Supply	55.35	
Lucy Zamarripa	50.00	
Capital Outlay	\$1,124.80	
Burroughs Corp.	693.00	
Morrison Specialty Co.	365.00	
Tri-State Equipment Co.	66.80	

General Fund Support		
General Fund	\$20,000.00	

JOINT UTILITIES-WATER

\$749.82

Operating Costs		
ABC Printing Co.	146.10	
Blacks Farm Supply	47.66	
R. E. Boney	447.83	
Gas Shop	32.49	
Sun Repair Shop	7.45	
George Tarver	15.36	
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Capital Outlay		
Morrison Specialty Co.	43.93	

JOINT UTILITIES-SEWER

\$193.01

Operating Costs		
Arrow Butane-Propane Co.	166.40	
Gas Shop	26.61	

GAS SHOP

Humble Oil	\$1,725,15
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G.O. LIBRARY

Las Cruces Sun News	6.28
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JOINT UTILITIES CONSTRUCTION

R. W. Beck & Assoc. & W. Carlos Powell	\$6,059.49
Burn Construction Co.	272.09

RECREATION		\$103.75
Basil Battah	30.00	
The Myers	73.75	
STREET CONSTRUCTION		\$567.72
Cruces Transit Mix	354.40	
Graybar Electric Co.	213.32	
SPECIAL FIRE FUND		
Fred's Welding		42.00
BRANIGAN ESTATE		880.59
Books & Periodicals		\$611.02
American Library Association	4.25	
Ancient City Book Shop, Inc.	6.89	
Archaeological Society of New Mexico	5.00	
The Baker & Taylor Co.	249.58	
The Caxton Printers	3.69	
The Arthur H. Clark Co.	22.00	
Doubleday & Co	57.50	
Follett Library Book Co.	103.56	
Historical Society of New Mexico	5.00	
C.F. Hollingsworth	25.00	
Mesilla Design Center	24.66	
The Rydal Press, Inc.	2.79	
St. Martin's Press	101.81	

Supplies

Davis Lumber Co.	11.75
El Paso Lumber Co.	13.04
Gaylord Bros., Inc.	28.95
Gillis & Dean	130.00
The Library of Congress	62.19
The Paper Mill	6.59
Valley Insurance Agency	17.04

Commissioner Graham MOVED that the bills as presented be approved for payment. SECONDED by Commissioner Noble and all VOTED in favor.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Semi-yearly fiscal report. Mr. Alvarez reported on the financial condition of the fiscal year 1961-62 at the half-way point. Commissioner Ferralez stated that he was not in favor of reducing the parks capital outlay to \$6,000.00. Commissioner Graham MOVED to approve the changes in the joint utilities budget. SECONDED by Commissioner Kennedy. Commissioner Noble stated that the operation of the general fund budget for the remainder of the year will be curtailed if the approval of the budget of the joint utilities fund is made now. Commissioner Graham withdrew his motion with the approval of the second. The semi-yearly fiscal report will be further studied by the Commissioners at a later date.

2. Land Acquisition-East Airport. Mr. Alvarez reported that the land which is needed for additional air strips at the East Airport are available from the owner, Valley Transit Mix. The amount of property necessary consists of a strip 200 feet wide and amounts to six acres. They have offered this property to the City at \$565.00 per acre, which is the same price the State paid this owner for adjoining property to be used for the right of way of Interstate 10 Highway. Condition of this offer is that Valley Transit Mix be assured that East Griggs Street will be opened to the reservoir property for access to the Valley Transit Mix property. Commissioner Noble moved that the Commission authorize the purchase of a 200 foot wide run-way strip from Valley Transit Mix at a price of \$565.00 per acre. SECONDED by Commissioner Kennedy. All VOTED in favor. Commissioner Noble MOVED THAT Griggs Street be hereby declared to be a public way through part of the property owned by the City of Las Cruces and being further described as follows:

A 50 foot easement being 25 feet on either side of the following described centerline:

Beginning at the west end of this easement, a point on the west boundary of the 600 x 800 foot tract known as the Griggs Street Reservoir Tract and on the east line of Walnut Street, whence the northwest corner of the said reservoir tract; marked by a concrete monument bears N. $14^{\circ} 53'$ W. a distance of 115.94 feet; thence N. $68^{\circ} 26' 156''$ E. 584.40 feet to the east end of this easement on the east boundary of the City Reservoir Tract, whence the northeast corner of the said City Reservoir Tract bears N. $14^{\circ} 53'$ W. 200.0 feet distant.

SECONDED by Commissioner Kennedy. All VOTED aye.

3. Lease Garbage Dump Salvage. Mr. Alvarez stated that a number of reports had come in concerning the operation of the dump by Raul Navarette, the party holding the present contract for the salvage operation at the City dump. He further stated that all these claims cannot be tracked down, but he recommended to the Commission that this contract be cancelled and new contract awarded to the next low bidder. Commissioner Ferralez MOVED that the contract for dump salvage with Mr. Navarette be cancelled in view of the fact that Article 6 of the Contract has been violated and that in accordance with Article 7 that notice of thirty (30) days will be given for cancellation. SECONDED by Commissioner Kennedy. All VOTED in favor. Mr. Noble suggested that Article 6 of the Contract, which is the basis for cancellation, be strengthened and made more concrete concerning citizenship and Federal Wage Law. Commissioner Ferralez MOVED the salvage at the City dump be advertised in preparation for a lease and that the additional stipulations discussed concerning Federal Minimum Wage Law, local residence of the City and United States citizenship be included. SECONDED by Commissioner Kennedy. All VOTED in favor.

ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA:

1. City Engineer Donohue presented two requests for permits to move buildings into the City limits. The Engineer's recommendation was that both of these be approved. Commissioner Kennedy MOVED that permission be granted to R. C. Smith to move a building from Dona Ana Road onto the City of Las Cruces. SECONDED by Commissioner Noble. All VOTED in favor.

Commissioner Ferralez MOVED the approval of a request by Mrs. Miller to move a building from Fort Bliss, Texas, to Almendra Street contingent upon the inspection of the City Engineer. SECONDED by Commissioner Kennedy. All VOTED in favor.

2. Jamie Stull asked the Commission for a decision concerning the zoning request he had presented to the Planning Board at their last meeting on property at the corner of Missouri and Solano. The Clerk read a recommendation of the Park and Recreation Board with four (4) votes in favor of approving this zoning and none against. Commissioner Kennedy MOVED that the Commission authorize that this rezoning be set for public hearing. SECONDED by Commissioner Noble. All VOTED in favor.

3. Chairman Gutierrez stated that numerous requests had been made concerning the building at Water and Amador Streets and he MOVED that the Commission instruct the City Building Inspector and City Engineer to inspect this building and make whatever recommendations they deemed necessary. SECONDED by Commissioner Kennedy, and all VOTED in favor.

NEW BUSINESS: (Cont'd)

4. Setting of Committee Sessions. A special committee of the whole meeting for discussion of New Mexico State University gas service agreement and the utility department construction program were set for Wednesday, January 17, 1962 at 7:00 p.m.

There being no further business before this commission, the meeting adjourned
at 10:30 p.m.

ATTEST:

Mayor

Bladys Hansen
City Clerk

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